

Dégustation du 14 octobre 2015 – Jeb Dunnuck

France, Rhône: 2006 Châteauneuf du Papes - Now at Age Ten

Sandwiched between 2005 and 2007, **2006** is an often underrated and under the radar vintage that produced charming, elegant and balanced wines that are drinking brilliantly today. While they lack the concentration and depth of a truly great vintage, they excel on their impeccable balance and overall harmony, which has allowed them to drink well for all their life. Almost every wine from the vintage is drinking nicely today, and the top cuvées will evolve for another decade. This truly is a drinker's vintage and now is a great time start opening bottles. All of these wines were tasted in the Rhône Valley, in October 2015.

—*Jeb Dunnuck*

CHATEAU CABRIERES

2006 Cabrieres Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Select

Rating : 90

Drink : 2016-2023

The first time I've tasted this cuvee (it was first made in 2003), the 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Select is made from vines planted in 1900 and 1902, and is a blend of 50% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre and 10% Cinsault. Aged 18 months in mostly barrels (20% was in concrete tanks), it offers impressive notes of black cherries, cassis, peppery herbs and saddle leather. Medium-bodied, beautifully Provencal, and with the hallmark elegance of the vintage, this beautiful Chateauneuf du Pape will continue evolving nicely for another 5-7 years.

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